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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT FROM RIO GRANDE DO SUL CONCERNING
EXTRADITION OF FRANCISCO ULISSES SCOCOZZA-VALIENT

REF: BRASILIA 5510

1. THE STATUS OF FRANCISCO ULISSES SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE WAS THE SUBJECT OF A RECENT PRESS ACCOUNT IN THE ZERO HORA OF PORTO ALEGRE, A SENSATIONALIST JOURNAL. THE ARTICLE NOTED THE CHRONOLOGY OF SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE'S ARREST AND INCARCERATION BY THE FEDERAL POLICE SINCE DECEMBER 28, 1973. THE U.S. REQUEST FOR HIS EXTRADITION WAS REPORTED AS BEING SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT ON JULY 18, 1974. PEDRO CALMON MENDES, SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE'S LAWYER, CLAIMS THAT THE EXTRADITION REQUEST IS ERRONEOUS AND HIS CLIENT IS NOT THE MAN WANTED FOR THE CRIMES CITED. CALMON MENDES ALLEGES THAT THE REQUEST ITSELF IS FULL OF ERRORS AND NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH LAW 6689 OF JUNE 11, 1970 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE NORMS FOR FOREIGNERS IN BRAZILIAN TERRITORY.

2. SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE'S SON, ULISSES PEDRO, CLAIMS HIS FATHER WAS ONLY A SMUGGLER OF LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES, NOT DRUGS. THE FATHER WAS DETAINED ONCE IN URUGUAY IN 1958
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AT CANELONES, BUT NOT TRIED. SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE AND HIS

FAMILY ENTERED BRAZIL IN 1973 WITH FALSE DOCUMENTATION UNDER THE NAME JUAN CARLOS BERDIAS MALARIN. SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH A NEST EGG EARNED FROM HIS SMUGGLING HE PURCHASED A GARAGE FOR 100,000 CRUZEIROS IN JULY 1973 WHICH HE OPERATED UNTIL HIS ARREST IN DECEMBER. THE ARREST WAS THE RESULT OF A TIP FROM A DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE, OMAR BASI LENTINO, AN URUGUAYAN, WHO DENOUNCED SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE TO THE AUTHORITIES FOR ASSUMING A FALSE IDENTITY.

3. PEDRO CALMON MENDES BELIEVES THE MAXIMUM PENALTY HIS CLIENT IS LIABLE FOR IS EXPULSION FROM BRAZIL FOR ENTERING WITH FALSE DOCUMENTATION. HE CLAIMS HIS CLIENT IS NOT THE SAME FRANCISCO ULISSES SCOZOZZA-VALIENTE ("EL PELADO") THE MAN WHOM THE U.S. WISHES EXTRADITED. NOTE: SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE'S ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY AND RECAPTURE WAS NOT MENTIONED (BRASILIA 3892).

4. COMMENT: GOB OFFICIALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY ASSURED POST THAT SCOCOZZA-VALIENTE'S EXTRADITION WOULD BE GRANTED (SEE REFTTEL).
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